

I CLAIM:

1. A method for lowering cholesterol absorption in a sustained manner by the use of a localized delivery of LXR and/or RXR agonists while also limiting, minimizing, or ameliorating the detrimental effect of LXR agonists on triglyceride levels via direct action in the liver.
2. A method for treating and/or preventing Cardiovascular Disease comprising impregnation of LXR agonists on a stent device.
3. A method for treating and/or preventing Cardiovascular Diseases comprising impregnation of RXR agonists on a stent device.
4. A method for treating and/or preventing Cardiovascular Diseases comprising impregnation of LXR and/or RXR agonists on a stent device.
5. A method according to Claim 1 or 3 wherein the LXR agonist is selected from a group consisting of: a compound of formula I, and a compound of formula II.
6. A composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a LXR agonist impregnated on a stent
7. A composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a RXR agonist impregnated on a stent
8. A composition according to Claim 7 or 8 wherein the LXR or RXR agonist is impregnated to effect a time-release (slow-release) formulation.
9. The use of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an LXR agonist impregnated on a stent for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases.
10. The use of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a combination of LXR agonist and RXR agonist impregnated on a stent for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases.